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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. By its resolutions 981 (1995), 982 (1995) and 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, the Security Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO), extended the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) mandate in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided that UNPROFOR within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP). The current mandates for the three operations terminate on 30 November 1995.

2. As indicated in paragraph 5 of the report of the Secretary-General of 6 June 1995 (A/49/540/Add.3), the Secretary-General had recommended in paragraph 29 of his report to the Security Council of 18 April 1995 (S/1995/320) that the contingent strength in Croatia be reduced to 8,750 troops.

3. By its resolution 990 (1995) of 28 April 1995, the Security Council decided to authorize the deployment of UNCRO as set out in paragraph 29 of the Secretary-General's report (S/1995/320).

4. In his letter to the President of the Security Council dated 9 June 1995 (S/1995/470 and Add.1), the Secretary-General indicated that taking into account all relevant Security Council resolutions, the over-all authorized strength of UNCRO, UNPREDEP and UNPROFOR amounted on 1 June 1995 to 44,870 all ranks and that the actual current strength of those three forces and of the support elements assigned to United Nations Peace Forces (UNPF) headquarters amounted on 1 June to only some 40,000 all ranks.

5. In paragraph 10 of its resolution 998 (1995) of 16 June 1995, the Security Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 30 May 1995 (S/1995/444) and also the letter of the Secretary-General of 9 June 1995 and its annex (S/1995/470 and Add.1), authorized an increase in the United Nations Peace Forces/UNPROFOR personnel by up to 12,500 additional troops.

6. As recalled in paragraph 42 of the report of the Secretary-General of 3 May 1995 (A/49/540/Add.2), by its resolution 49/228 of 23 December 1994 the General Assembly had authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of UNPROFOR at a rate not to exceed $134,731,500 gross ($133,702,200 net) per month for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1995, should the Security Council decide to continue the operation beyond 31 March 1995. That authorization was subject to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee as to the exact level of commitments to be entered into.

7. The Committee recalls that this budget estimate was based on an average strength of 728 military observers, 39,341 contingent personnel and 889 civilian police (see A/49/753, para. 29) and not on the authorized level of 44,870 referred to in paragraph 4 above.

8. By its letter dated 31 March 1995, the Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's request to enter into commitments for a total amount of $404,194,500 gross ($401,106,600 net) for the three-month period from 1 April to 30 June 1995.

9. In paragraph 19 (a) of his report of 6 June 1995 (A/49/540/Add.3), the Secretary-General requested the appropriation and assessment of the amount of $862,953,000 gross ($851,774,700 net) for the operation of UNPROFOR, UNCRO, UNPREDEP and UNPF headquarters for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1995. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 14 of the same report that these estimates provide for a contingent strength of up to 36,262 personnel, consisting of 28,287 infantry and 7,975 logistic and support personnel. However, the Committee was informed that, because of practical difficulties in the field, the reduction in troop strength of UNCRO authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 990 (1995) would not be achieved until November 1995. The Advisory Committee was also informed that the proposals on the financing of the additional 12,500 troops for UNPROFOR authorized by the Council in its resolution 998 (1995) would be submitted to the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee by 30 June 1995.

10. Under the circumstances, and bearing in mind the schedule of meetings of both the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee, the Committee recommends that detailed consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/49/540/Add.2 and 3 on the financing of UNCRO, UNPROFOR, UNPREDEP and UNPF headquarters be deferred until the fiftieth session of the General Assembly. In this connection, updated information on the third addendum should be made available by the Secretary-General no later than September 1995 for the Advisory Committee to be able to report to the General Assembly by October. In the meantime, the Advisory Committee recommends an appropriation and assessment of an amount not exceeding $673.7 million gross ($668.5 million net) for the maintenance of these operations for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995. This amount corresponds to the amount of $134,731,500 gross ($133,702,200 net)

per month authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/228 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1995, which, as can be seen from paragraph 7 above provides for a level of roughly 41,000 contingent personnel, military observers and civilian police.

11. As an update to the action to be taken by the General Assembly on these operations, the Secretary-General, in paragraph 60 (a) of document A/49/540/Add.2, requested the Assembly to utilize the Special Account established by the Assembly in its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 for the recording of income and expenditures relating to UNPROFOR, UNCRO, UNPREDEP and UNPF headquarters. The Advisory Committee has no objection to that request. In this connection, the Advisory Committee was informed that with regard to assessments, an amount of $862,595,475 was outstanding as at 14 June 1995. In connection with troop reimbursement, the Committee was informed that outstanding payments to Governments for the period from 1 March to 31 May 1995 amounted to approximately $125 million. With regard to contingent-owned equipment, the Committee was informed that an amount of $260,777,415 was owed for 1994.